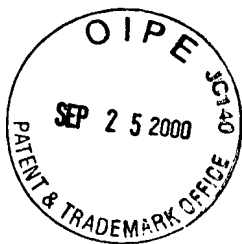


GP 1643



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date below:

9/22/00
Date

Steven L. Highlander

RECEIVED

SEP 28 2000

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Robert Michael Roberts *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/273,164

Filed: March 19, 1999

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
EARLY PREGNANCY DIAGNOSIS

Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: Lisa V. Cook

Atty. Dkt. No.: UVMO:003/SLH

H2
150
10-6-00

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED AUGUST 30, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 30, 2000 for which the date for response is September 30, 2000.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Account No.: 50-1212/10012519/UVMO:003/SLH.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-14 and 30-34, *i.e.*, the Group A claims.